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SCH. NELLIE DIXON LANDS BIG MACKEREL TRIP AT NEWPORT.

Hails For 25,000 Large Fresh Mackerel, Selling at 27 Cents Each.

Will Probably Make Stock of \$6500 the Largest on Record.

The unexpected always happens in the mackerel fishery. Sch. Nellie Dixon of Boston, Capt. James Ellis, which everybody supposed had gone to the Cape Shore, is at Newport, R. I., this noon with a magnificent fare, having 25,000 large fresh mackerel, selling at 27 cents each.

Capt. Ellis reports getting his trip yesterday, in one haul, 25 miles from No Man's Land. He says that there were large rafts of fish schooling there at the same time he got his big haul.

At the price quoted, 27 cents per fish, the Nellie Dixon stands to make a stock in the neighborhood of \$6500 or better, which means about \$150 apiece for every man on board. The fare, should the haul hold out, which it probably will, will mean a stock which for a single trip of fresh mackerel has never been equalled in the history of the fishery.

The news brought by Capt. Ellis is of the most encouraging character and shows that while the fish went broad off in their migration up the coast from the south, they are now coming in on their old feeding grounds.

As far as known, few if any of the mackerel fleet stayed south, and in-

deed it is thought that all of them make a straight wake for the Cape Shore.

Capt. Ellis makes no mention of any other crafts being there, but it is hoped that some perhaps did not go to the eastward. If they did not and stayed there, to work on the grounds off Block Island and No Man's Land, their chance is good to share in the good fortune which has come to Capt. Ellis and his crew.

Netters at New York.

The following netters were at New York this morning:

Sch. Vesta, 550 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Tecumseh, 1500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Clara T., 1000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Minerva, 600 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Hersey D. Taylor, 800 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Massasoit, 1300 fresh mackerel.
Sales are at 38 cents each.

The following netters arrived at New York this noon:

Sloop Lear C., 1600 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. Blanche F. Irving, 1700 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Alice, 700 large fresh mackerel.

First Mackerel in Cape Shore Traps.
The first catch of mackerel of the season at Yarmouth, N. S., was made on last Monday when the Byrnes trap took 10 fish.

Will Go on Greenland Halibut Trip.

Capt. Patrick Vale is fitting sch. Rob Roy for a fished halibut trip to the far away fishing grounds off the coast of Greenland. The voyage is not a new one to Capt. Vale, as years ago he was one of the leaders in the fleet which went to those waters.

French Fishermen Deserted.

Four men of the crew on board the French sch. Normande, one of the largest of the French fishing fleet, deserted the vessel at North Sydney, C. B., Monday, and are now being sought by the police. Until they are captured the vessel will remain there, unless another crew is shipped.

Had Cargo of Salt Herring.

Sch. William Matherson was at Hawkesbury, C. B., Wednesday bound for Lubec, Me., with a full cargo of salt herring from the Magdalen Islands.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:
Sch. Josie and Phebe, 30,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 7000 hake, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Juniata, 1000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 2000 cusk, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Jorgina, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod, Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1800 cusk.

Haddock, \$3.25 per cwt., large cod, \$3 to \$3.35; market cod, \$2.50.

ONLY TWO TRIPS AT T WHARF.

BOTH FARES SOLD AT GOOD PRICES FOR COD AND HADDOCK.

There are only two trips of fish at T wharf this morning, sch. Juniata with a fare of fresh drift codfish and fare of haddock and cod.

Yesterday afternoon sch. Josie and Phebe came in with 47,000 pounds, 30,000 pounds of which were haddock and made a nice paying voyage and sch. Hattie L. Knowlton had a shore catch of 7000 pounds of haddock, cod and cusk.

This morning haddock brought \$3.25 and large cod \$3 to \$3.25.

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MACKEREL PLENTY OFF NAVESINK

Netters Report Large Schools Between the Highlands and Fire Island.

Body of Fish Evidently Late on Their Passage North.

It's always just the way in the mackerel fishery. No sooner have the vessels left one locality than a few days after the fish show up in that very spot. The large fleet of netters at New York this morning all have one story to report. They say that from 25 miles southeast of the Highlands of Navesink to Fire Island mackerel are schooling in rafts. Never before in all their fishing experience, say the skippers of the netters, have they seen so many mackerel schooling as they did this trip out, over the ground above indicated.

The place where they report the fish is a well known fishing spot where the seiners generally get the fish on what is known as the "New York spurt," which generally comes about the first week in May.

Now the fleet, with the exception of one vessel, is down on the Cape Shore and the fish are showing to the southward. From this report of the netters, it is evident that the mackerel have come along as usual and over the same old ground, but they are about a month or three weeks late. As the fishermen would say "It is enough to make a crow cry" to think of it.

Sch. Nellie Dixon, which as far as known, is the only seiner left out south and which landed such a fine trip at Newport, R. I., Saturday, hustled right out again and with decent weather it is but natural to look for her in again this week, as Capt. Ellis reported lots of mackerel schooling and in big rafts.

Mackerel Seiner Sighted off Liverpool, N. S.

Capt. John Hackett of the salt bank-er Helen G. Wells, which arrived this morning, reports that on Friday night he was coming along off Liverpool, N. S. It was very moderate and the craft made little headway. A vessel was sighted which they took to be a seiner, though they did not go near

enough to get her name. They saw the craft put up her lights and they remained up nearly all night. From the position of the lights, etc., several old mackerel hands on the Wells think the crew of the unknown craft were dressing fish.

Netters at New York.

There is quite a fleet of netters at New York this morning and the fares average the best of the season, many of the crafts having over 1500 mackerel, while two of them have 3000 each. The netters have been late this season in striking the body of fish but it looks now as if they were on all right. This morning they sold at 25 cents each.

The following netters were at New York this morning:

Sch. Lillian, 1200 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Diana, 900 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Florida, 2600 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Hockomock, 1900 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Lafayette 3000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Maud Gertrude, 700 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Dorgas, 2300 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Clements, 1200 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Mabel Bryson, 3000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Conquest, 600 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Mettacommet, 1200 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Jennie H. Gilbert, 1600 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Theresa, 1500 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Klondike, 1400 fresh mackerel.

Netters at Newport.

The following netters are at Newport this morning:

Sch. Cherokee, 700 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Mildred J., 800 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Mabelle E. Leavitt, 1100 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Wood and Mack, 500 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Torpedo, 75 large fresh mackerel.

SUCCESSFUL FISH HATCHING.

Millions of Perch and Shad Turned Out of the Chesapeake Hatchery.

J. J. Glennon of the United States fish department reports an unusually successful spring season at the hatcheries at Spesutia island at the head of Chesapeake bay, just below the mouth of the Susquehanna. Since February 20 he has been busy at the hatchery, and although the coldness of the water in the early part of the season was unfavorable and the shoaling of the river bottoms has interfered with seining, he has had unusual success in the general results of his work. There have been hatched in the specially provided receptacles on Spesutia island 200,000,000 yellow perch, commonly called "yellow neds," 640,000,000 white perch, for which the waters of the Chesapeake and its tributaries are famous, and 10,000,000 shad. Most of these fry have already been distributed. The island is an ideal place for such operations as those of the hatchery. It is a lonely spot, seldom visited by other vessels than those connected with the work, and beautiful in itself and for situation. Historically it is interesting, for it was used in early colonial days by one Col. Uty of Maryland as a base in certain warlike operations of the time, and its name is a slight corruption of the Latin name bestowed upon it, Spes Utiae, the Hope of Uty. In the waters about the island enormous hauls of fish are made in spring, and the hatchery is easily able to obtain vast quantities of eggs for its operations.

NETTERS AT NEW YORK.

The following netters were reported at New York this afternoon:

Sch. Motor, 2100 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Rattler, 1000 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Earl and Nettie, 1000 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Manomet, 2100 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Marguerite, 5000 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. A. Hamilton, 1200 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Louisa, 300 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Eliza Benner, 2300 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. E. H. Smeed, 1700 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Hobo, 1700 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Vincent, 1000 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Bessie, 1700 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. N. A. Rowe, 1800 large fresh mackerel.

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Pollock Price Made Drop.

Sales of pollock were made this morning at 90 cents for dressed and 80 cents for round, a drop of 10 cents.

Bait Plenty at Monomoy.

There is plenty of bait off Monomoy, the trap men reporting no less than 400 barrels on hand this morning.

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COD, POLLOCK AND HERRING.

GOOD VARIETY OF FISH IN RE-
CEIPTS AT THIS PORT
TODAY.

The fish week here starts in pretty well today. There are quite a number of fares in, salt cod and fresh herring being the predominating features, with a few pollock and some salt herring mixed in.

The latter comes from Bay of Islands, N. F., in sch. W. E. Morrissey, which went down there after the ice broke up to bring home part of the winter catch of sch. James A. Garfield of this port. She had a load all right, hailing for 1279 barrels of salt barrelled herring.

From the Rips this morning are the seiners Valentinn with 40,000 pounds and Olive F. Hutchins with another of her usual loads, 100,000 pounds this time.

The little pollock seiners which fish on the shore did not find pollock yesterday but struck some of those large sea herring instead, both here and in Ipswich Bay. In all about 250 or 300 barrels were landed yesterday, some going to the freezer, some for bait fresh and some to salt.

Five of the Georges salt cod fleet, drifters and handliners, are among the arrivals with good fares, from 30,000 to 35,000 pounds per vessel.

From the south and west coast of Newfoundland is sch. Helen G. Wells, Capt. John Hackett, which has been on a salt trawl bank trip, hailing for 130,000 pounds of salt cod. The Wells was the first of the fleet to get away this season and operated off Port au Basques and Rose Blanche and later, when the ice got out of the gulf, up off Cape Arguille and Red Island.

Sch. Richard, Capt. William Corkum, put in here yesterday, being the first of the Cape North fleet to get home this season. Capt. Corkum brought a splendid fare and one which will net a good sum for both owners and crew, for the haul was 125,000 pounds of fresh cod, 40,000 pounds of salt cod and 10,000 pounds of halibut. As the market on fresh cod is good, the whole fare will not go to the splitters, Capt. Corkum taking the craft to Boston yesterday, where he stands to get out over 50,000 pounds of the fresh fish at good market prices, also selling the halibut up there.

This morning sch. Arrow arrived from Five Islands, Me., with her usual load of salt fish for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company. Sch. Reliance came in from the Rips this morning with a good fare of pollock and steamer Quartette brought 26,000 pounds from the same grounds. Yesterday the steamer Quoddy brought in 70 barrels of large fresh herring.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Wm. H. Rider, Georges, drifting, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Norma, Georges, drifting, 30,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Georges, handlining, 30,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Patriot, Georges, handlining, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. W. E. Morrissey, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1279 bbls. salt barrelled herring.

Sch. Helen G. Wells, salt trawling, Newfoundland coast, 130,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Valentinn, Rips, 40,000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, Rips, 100,000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Sch. Richard, Cape North, 125,000 lbs. fresh cod, 40,000 lbs. salt cod, 10,000 lbs. halibut, (went to Boston.)

Steamer Jeffery, Ipswich Bay, 50 bbls. large fresh herring.

Steamer Alice, Ipswich Bay, 40 bbls. fresh large herring.

Steamer Yankee, Ipswich Bay, 35 bbls. fresh large herring.

Sch. Georgianna, shore, 10 bbls. fresh large herring.

Steamer Unknown, shore, 20 bbls. fresh large herring.

Steamer Bessie A., Ipswich Bay, 20 bbls. fresh large herring.

Sch. Jubilee, Georges, drifting, 30,000 lbs. salt cod.

Steamer Quartette, Rips, 26,000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Steamer Quoddy, shore, 70 bbls. large fresh herring.

Sch. Arrow, Five Islands, Maine, 70,000 lbs. salt fish.

Sch. Reliance, Rips, 13,500 lbs. fresh pollock.

Sch. Little Fannie, Rips, 25,000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, haddocking.

Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.

Sch. Clara C. Silva, haddocking.

Sch. Appomattax, Rips.

Sch. Claudia, halibuting.

Sch. T. M. Nicholson, Bucksport, Me.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Fresh Fish.

Fresh large mackerel 25 cents each. Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.

Large cod, \$2.45 per cwt.; medium, \$1.85 per cwt.

Peak and Western bank fresh codfish, \$2.30 per cwt. for large and \$1.90 for mediums.

Cusk, large, \$1.75; mediums, \$1.25; Hake, \$1.10.

Dressed pollock, 90 cts., round, 80 cts.

Georges halibut, 8c per lb. for white and 6 1-4 cts. for gray.

Bank halibut 8 cts. per lb. for white and 6 cts. for gray.

Fresh "drift" codfish, large, \$2.60 per cwt.; mediums \$2.05.

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THREE STEAM TRAWLERS IN.

T WHARF PRICES GOOD FOR FISH
OF ALL KINDS THIS
MORNING.

Three out of the four craft comprising the Boston fleet of steam trawlers are at T wharf today, one with a fine trip and the two others with fair catches. Beside these the crafts which are to supply Boston and vicinity with fish today comprise one of the Cape North fleet, sch. Richard, with a whole load of cod and 10,000 pounds of halibut beside, one craft from the Cape Shore, another from the hake fields, a pollocker, three market boats and a drifter.

The banner trip is that of sch. Richard, Capt. William Corkum, which has 115,000 pounds of fresh cod, 9000 pounds of fresh hake, 40,000 pounds of salt cod and 10,000 pounds of halibut. The craft came in here yesterday expecting to go right to the splitters, but Capt. Corkum found that the market had been good of late, and so sailed to Boston where he will get out his hake and about 45,000 pounds of fresh cod at good prices and also the halibut, the latter at 9 cents per pound for white and 7 cents for gray.

Of the steam trawlers the Spray has 71,000 pounds, the Crest 47,000 and the Ripple 46,000 pounds, all three having about all haddock.

Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell has 102,000 pounds of fresh fish, 85,000 of which are hake, the most of which will come here to split. Sch. Gladys and Nellie has a mixed trip of 67,000 pounds. The boats mostly have small catches.

Haddock sold all the way from \$1.50 to \$4.50, according to quality, while large cod brought from \$3.75 to \$6, hake \$1.25 to \$2.75 and pollock \$1.25.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Mina Swim, 3000 haddock, 9000 cod, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 3000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 25,000 hake, 6000 cusk, 1000 pollock.

Steamer Spray, 63,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Richard, 115,000 cod, 9000 hake, 40,000 salt cod, 10,000 halibut.

Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 5000 cod, 85,000 hake, 12,000 cusk.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, 7000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Eva Avina, 1500 cod.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 3500 cod.

Steamer Ripple, 44,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Isabel, 10,000 pollock.

Steamer Crest, 44,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Haddock, \$1.50 to \$4.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.75 to \$6; market cod, \$2.50 to \$4.50; hake, \$1.25 to \$2.75; cusk, \$1.75 to \$2.50; pollock, \$1.25; halibut, 9 cts. per lb. for white and 7 cts. for gray.

Repairs Completed.

Sch. Appomattox has completed the repairs made necessary by going ashore on the Southeast breaker a week ago, and sailed from here this morning on a Rips trip.

Portland Fish News.

The Portland fishing schooner Katie L. Palmer, which has been landing her fish at the eastward of late, arrived here Thursday and will now fit out for swordfishing, going out about June 1 with several others of the local fleet.

Receipts of pollock here are falling off, the only arrival Thursday of any size being that landed by the little steamer Mona, 10,000 pounds, with about an equal quantity from the small boats from Pine Point. A few blueback herring were also landed which had been caught in the nets at Yarmouth. Sardine herring continue very scarce, both here and at the eastward.

Taken altogether the fishing situation just now is not of the best, cod and haddock being rather scarce. The fog has operated against the fishermen and in addition the dogfish are beginning to get in their work, as usual at this time of year, and are driving the fish in shore out of the reach of the fishermen.

Thursday, the fishing schooner Angie B. Watson left here in command of Capt. Thomas Skofield for Burgeo, N. F., to bring back a load of halibut. There will be both fresh and flitched in the fare.

Word has been received from Capt. Frank A. McIntyre in the schooner Bernie and Bessie that he is doing as well as the others with the southern mackerel fleet. The Bernie and Bessie has made about six trips to shore with fares of mackerel.

After being absent a month, the schooner Lochinvar, Capt. John Toothacher, arrived here Thursday from Boston where she has been taking her fares during the past four weeks. In that time she stocked about \$1700.

Thursday the largest amount of pollock ever taken in a trap in the vicinity of Casco Bay was landed at the Magnolia traps at Small Point. In all there were 65,000 pounds, enough to fill the average schooner coming into port.

The fish were not brought to Portland, but is very probable they may come Friday. The price of pollock has not changed materially as yet.

While no high figures are being paid for pollock just now, their coming is a blessing to the salt fish dealer. The market has been bare of late and salt hake and haddock have been hard to find. Orders have been rushed in for salt fish and none was to be had. Now the pollock have come along, they have been split and salted as soon as received and they are now being used to supply the heavy demand for salt fish.

Ground fish, cod, haddock and hake are scarce at Portland. There is good reason for it. The dogfish are around again and they are out in force, even thicker than they were last year at this time. What few fishermen are braving them reported yesterday that it was almost impossible to get a cod or haddock. When the trawls were hauled a dogfish was found clinging to almost every hook while on the hooks where there were no dogfish were the remains of other fish that the dogfish had eaten. It looks as if the number of ground fish caught off this port this season would be the fewest in years.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Alice, Metamora and Alice M. Guthrie, were at Liverpool on Thursday, and cleared the same day.

Sch. Lillian was at Louisburg, C. B., on Thursday with 40,000 pounds of cod.

Sch. George Parker sailed from Liverpool, N. S., on Thursday.

Sch. Grace Darling had 5000 pounds of halibut at Yarmouth, N. S., on Wednesday and sch. Kernwood landed 10,000 pounds of fresh fish there the same day.

Sch. Arrow, for this port from Jonesport, Me., was at Portland Friday.

New Porgy Steamer arrived at Portland.

The new porgy steamer Rollin E. Mason, recently launched from A. S. Story's Essex yard, arrived at Portland on Friday to have her engines and machinery installed. She is expected to be in commission in July.

Pollock Lower at Portland.

Bed rock has not yet been reached in the price of pollock at Portland. Friday the figure being paid the fishermen was even lower than it was on Monday. For round pollock, but 40 cents a hundred pounds was being received, while the price for dressed pollock was 50 cents. This latter figure is 15 cents lower than what was being paid the first of the week.

It seems as if the pollock would never cease being caught. A report was received here Friday that 60,000 pounds were caught in the Googins

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traps at Pine Point. This is almost as large an amount as was taken from the Magnolia traps at Small Point the day before. Nearly 70,000 pounds of the black-backed fish were landed here yesterday.

It looks now as if the run of pollock would soon be over. Already the largest of the fish are petering out and the kind being caught are smaller. Traps are being used almost wholly, but the small fish, those of two and three pounds in weight, are fighting shy of these and are hard to land.

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ATTACKED BY HERON.

ONE OF THE CREW OF SCH.
MARY C. SANTOS NEARLY
LOST EYE AS RESULT.

A big blue heron with a lame wing, which flew aboard sch. Mary C. Santos when it was 75 miles from Cape Cod, last Friday, and which afterward attempted to blind a member of the crew with its long beak, reached T wharf yesterday in a barrel on the deck of the vessel.

Anthony Valentine, one of the crew, is nursing a deep wound under his left eye, and his brother fishermen are wholly unable to account for the presence of the gaunt creature.

It was about noon last Friday, when the schooner was in the midst of a thick fog about 75 miles from Highland Light, that Peter Bent, the ship's cook, heard a great flapping of wings in the air overhead, and to his great astonishment a giant, stork-like bird settled on the bowsprit.

Bent quietly assembled the rest of the crew to view the strange visitor. He crept up behind the heron, threw his arms suddenly around it and bore it to the deck, where the rest of the crew assisted him in getting it into a flour barrel.

Once in the barrel the bird grew indifferent as to its fate, and remained quiet until Anthony Valentine chanced to pass within reach of the barrel. Like a flash the long gray neck shot up out of the barrel and the slender beak darted toward his face, pinning him just under the left eye.

The wound was at first thought to be dangerous and the loss of his left eye was feared. His eye escaped but the wound remains. The heron was exhibited yesterday aboard the schooner.

How it happened so far from its native haunts is a mystery.

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Picked Up Vacant Dory.

Sch. W. E. Morrissey, which arrived here Monday from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a cargo of salt herring, reports that on a week ago Monday, when coming up by Cape Breton island, off Scatteri, a dory was sighted and picked up. It was overturned, there was no signs of life in the vicinity, but in the craft were two tins of crackers and a roller. The dory evidently belonged to some French fisherman, as it bore the name Emile G. and the hail, Granville, which latter is a French port.

Given Up French Fishing Schooner Returns.

The sch. Victoria, of St. Malo, France reported last week as having been totally lost with all hands, by foundering on the Grand bank, arrived at St. Pierre, Miquelon, May 23, with 500 quintals of fish and all the crew quite well.

Herring Plenty on Georges.

Capt. Thomas Crowell of the handliner, W. H. Moody at Portland, Monday, reports acres of herring on Georges. They extended in great rafts as far as the eye could reach. Sea geese in thousands fluttered in the air overhead.